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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Because of his continuing interest in such matters, I would like to inform the President of actions we are taking or propose to take to preclude inadvertent penetrations of Chinese air space, such as occurred on May 12th, and to know the facts promptly should the Chinese make future allegations of violations.

I have seen the report on the May 12th incident submitted by the JCS team under Brigadier General Owens and understand that its recommendations could be implemented with resources now available to the Department of Defense.

Please prepare for my signature a brief memorandum to the President setting forth the actions considered necessary by the JCS and indicating when they will be put into effect. I would like to have your recommendations no later than June 24th.

ROBERT S. McNAMARA

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